

MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION February 1, 2017

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Maryland Transportation Commission was held on February 1, 2017 at 10:30 AM, in the Board Room of the Maryland Department of Transportation.

II. Roll Call

The following individuals were present:

James A. Calderwood, Chair
Camillo Di Camillo, Member
Jennifer Hill-Leineweber, Member
Elmer E. Horsey, Member
Michael Moore, Member
Carol Petzold, Member
Catherine Riley, Member
Makeda Scott, Member
Gary Simpson, Member
Mario VillaSanta, Member
Dr. Charles Glass, MDOT Assistant Secretary
Captain Gerard Albright, MDOT MVA
Dr. Antonio Campbell, MDOT SHA
MDOT Staff Corey Stottlemyer
MDOT Staff Tina Quinichette

Chairman James A. Calderwood called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

III. Upcoming Tours

The Chairman opened with a question for Corey Stottlemyer on the status of the upcoming tours for the commission. Mr. Stottlemyer stated that the March MTC meeting will be held at the CHART Operations Center. CHART stands for Coordinated Highways Action Response Team, and is a joint effort of the MDOT State Highway Administration, the MDOT Maryland Transportation Authority, and the Maryland State Police in cooperation with other federal, state and local agencies. It records "real-time" operations of Maryland's highway system through teamwork and technology. Mr. Stottlemyer notified the commission that the tour will be at the CHART location at SHA in Hanover, MD.

Mr. Stottlemyer continued with a question for the commission in regards to the BWI Tour. He asked them if Thursday, April 6th would work for everyone to attend. He also suggested to not hold the regular MTC meeting at MDOT on Wednesday, April 5 because of the BWI Tour the next day. The members agreed and accepted the schedule change.

Mr. Stottlemyer concluded the tour information with the Poplar Island Tour date for June 20th. He explained that everyone would meet at Sandy Point State Park and catch a boat for an hour long tour of the island.

IV. Meeting Minutes from 2/1/17

The Chairman discussed the minutes from the last meeting. Ms. Petzold made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and approved unanimously.

V. School Bus Safety Presentation

The Chairman introduced Captain Gerard Albright, Manager of the School Vehicle Safety Section at MDOT MVA, to discuss the standards for School Bus Safety. Captain Albright explained that MVA handles school bus inspections along with all other vehicle inspections. He stated that MVA has a School Transportation Advisory Committee that discusses school bus issues. Under MVA guidelines, busses older than 15 years cannot be used to transport school students. School bus drivers must test for a special license along with their own valid driver's license in order to be a fully compliant bus driver. Members asked about why there are no seatbelts on school buses and what steps need to be taken to have them installed. Captain Albright discussed attempts to introduce such legislation in previous sessions of the Maryland General Assembly. MVA's vehicle inspection standards were included in the meeting package and additional copies are available by request.

VI. Policy Issue Discussion

Ms. Petzold shared information and led a discussion regarding pedestrian hybrid signals. Ms. Petzold shared two pieces of legislation aimed at improving safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. Discussion centered around Senate Bill 338/House Bill 528 that is listed as an "act concerning vehicle laws – Pedestrian Hybrid Signals." Ms. Petzold asked the commission encourage the Secretary to support for this bill. Mr. Calderwood mentioned that the MTC is allowed to make recommendations to the Secretary. The actual process for MDOT to support this bill would have to go through MDOT's Government Affairs team the Governor's staff. Ms. Petzold revised her motion to ask the Secretary to seriously consider supporting enabling legislation for HAWK lights. The motion was seconded by Ms. Riley and passed unanimously.

VI. Proposed Dedications

Chairman Calderwood introduced the following dedications to the commission for consideration:

MD Route 2 Bridge over South River to SSG Christopher W. Swanson, US Army
The Swanson family requests the MD Route 2 Bridge in Anne Arundel county be dedicated to
their son SSG Christopher W. Swanson. SSG Swanson was killed in action by a sniper on July
22, 2006 during a combat patrol in the Ta'meem district of Ramadi, Iraq. He was a lifelong
resident of the State of Maryland and grew up in South Anne Arundel County. Ms. Petzold
made the motion to recommend this dedication for approval to the Secretary. The motion was

MD Route 22 Bridge over US Route 40 to CPL Jonathan Daniel Porto, USMC

seconded by Mr. Di Camillo and approved unanimously.

CPL Porto was killed in action on March 14, 2010 while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Members discussed concerns that the application did not include support from state legislators and local elected officials representing the Aberdeen area. Also, they were concerned that this would be dedicating the entry way to Aberdeen Proving Grounds, which is a US Army Base, to a Marine. Ms. Riley made the motion to defer consideration of this dedication request until his full application has been received and, the legislators in Aberdeen are contacted and notified about the dedication as well. Mr. Moore seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Stottlemyer called members attention to the request for information on toll revenue for the Nice Bridge. Members asked for similar information on the Inter County Connector for he next meeting. Hearing no other items of business, the Commission adjourned at 11:41AM until the next meeting on March 1, 2017 at SHA CHART Headquarters.